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SUBJECT: US-SAUDI ECONOMIC COMMISSION - PROPOSED TEAM
VISITS

REFS: (A) JIDDA 1793 (B) JIDDA 1784 (C) STATE 53987

1. TREASURY APPRECIATES FACTORS REQUIRING RESCHEDULING
OF TEAM MENTIONED IN REFTEL A.

2. IT IS NOW PROPOSED THAT THIS TEAM LED, BY LEWIS
BOWDEN, OF TREASURY ARRIVE JIDDA ON THE EVENING OF APRIL 7
AND REMAIN THERE UNTIL EVENING APRIL 9. TEAM WOULD BE
AVAILABLE DURING THESE TWO DAYS TO MEET WITH EMBASSY
PERSONNEL. TEAM WOULD DEPART JIDDA AND ARRIVE EVENING OF
APRIL 9 IN RIYADH, REMAINING THERE THROUGH APRIL 14.
BOWDEN WELCOMES HAVING ADMINISTRATIVE COUNSELOR ACCOMPANY
TEAM TO RIYADH AND PARTICIPATE IN MEETINGS AND DISCUSSIONS.

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3. YOUR RECOMMENDATION CONCERNING NEED FOR A TEAM MEMBER

EXPERIENCED IN TRUST ACCOUNT MATTERS IS APPRECIATED. WE HAVE DESIGNATED MR. WALTER JORDAN OF BUREAU OF GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL OPERATIONS TO BE FOURTH MEMBER OF THE TEAM. THUS FULL TEAM WILL CONSIST OF BOWDEN, MCFADDEN, HAYES, HAPPEL AND JORDAN.

4. RE REFTEL B, WE PROPOSE DOKE AND MOSER ARRIVE JIDDA APRIL 2, CONSULT WITH EMBASSY ON APRIL 3, AND PROCEED RIYADH THAT EVENING. PURPOSE OF THIS VISIT, AS OUTLINED IN REFTEL C, IS KNOWN TO TAHER OBEID AS A RESULT OF WASHINGTON DISCUSSIONS.

5. RE PARA 3 REFTEL B THE FUNDING PROCEDURE PROPOSED IS THE SAME AS THAT USED IN THE CASE OF RESEARCHMANAGEMENT TEAM NOW IN RIYADH. WE DO NOT KNOW WHY THE MONEY IS COMING FROM SAG AGRICULTURE. ASSUME IT IS THEIR EXPEDIENT FOR COPING WITH LACK OF AGREED FUNDING PROCEDURES -A TOPIC TO BE DISCUSSED BY THE TREASURY TEAM.

6. IF FOREGOING ARRANGEMENTS MEET WITH EMBASSY'S CONVENIENCE, REQUEST THAT APPROPRIATE HOTEL SPACE BE RESERVED IN JIDDA AND RIYADH AND THATSOLAIM AND OBEID BE INFORMED OF NEW SCHEDULE. INGERSOLL

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